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for hon. Members to go through the answers to the original questions and enable them to ask supplementary questions on the next day, if necessary. I would request you, Sir, to allow us also the same privilege."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Post-war schemes.

2 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the number of post-war schemes of each Department of Government already accepted and in operation and those still under the consideration of the Government?

A.—A statement is appended.[a]

Subsidies to wells in the Vizagapatam district.

3 *Q.*—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of new wells for which subsidies were given in the Vizagapatam district; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to grant subsidies for more wells in the Vizagapatam district which is a dry district?

A.—(*a*) Up to 30th June 1946, subsidies were given for 3,747 new wells.

(*b*) No fresh subsidies will be granted under the accelerated scheme, except in specially hard cases. A new scheme for all the districts is under the consideration of the Government.

Licences to Vanaspathi factories.

4 *Q.*—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) for how many Vanaspathi factories Government have granted licences;

(*b*) whether a licence was granted to any company for constructing a Vanaspathi factory in the Vizagapatam district;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, to what company the licence was granted and when; and

(*d*) whether the Government are contemplating starting any new factories themselves; and, if so, their nature?

A.—(*a*) 7.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Permission was granted in September 1945 to the Vizagapatam Vegetable Oil Products, Limited, which was sponsored by the Maharaja of Jeypore and the Raja of Bobbili.

(*d*) Yes. The Government have sanctioned the installation of a hydrogenation factory at Calicut in the Malabar

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district capable of a daily output of 15 tons refined oil and 10 tons of hydrogenated fat. The construction of the buildings to house the factory is in progress.

Grant to Y.M.I.A., Mylapore, for building rooms.

5 Q.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Motor Transport and Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether in view of the acute housing problem in the City of Madras, the Government intend giving any grant to the Y.M.I.A., Mylapore, for building a number of rooms since they agree to accommodate Members of the legislature; and

(b) whether the Government propose to construct houses and rent them to the poor at low rents?

A.—(a) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(b) No; but a scheme for the construction of houses for industrial and other labourers and renting them at low rents is under consideration.

Irrigation schemes in the Vizagapatam district.

6 Q.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any irrigation schemes in the Vizagapatam district for which estimates are ready and if so, when the Government propose to take them up for execution; and

(b) whether in view of the acute famine conditions prevailing in the North Vizagapatam district the Government propose to order the immediate survey and preparation of estimates for the Vamsadhara and other irrigation schemes?

A.—(a) No. In June 1946 the Chief Engineer for Irrigation was asked to submit his report in respect of certain irrigation schemes in North Vizagapatam district and it is awaited.

(b) The Government have asked the Chief Engineer for Irrigation to re-examine and submit his report on the following schemes:—

(1) Extension of Nagrikatakam channel.

(2) Restoration of Hamsaralli Sagaram tank.

(3) Mahendratanya Reservoir Project.

(4) Varahalapedda Reservoir (Gopalapuram tank).

(5) Bhuda Project.

The Collector of Vizagapatam has also promised to report on certain schemes which he considers should be taken up in North Vizagapatam.

Motor traffic in the Province.

7 Q.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Motor Transport and Food be pleased to state—

(a) the number of buses plying in the City of Madras;

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(b) whether it is a fact that the people have to wait for hours near the halting places and their work is thereby dislocated;

(c) what steps the Government propose to take to give relief to the people; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to nationalize the motor traffic in the Province?

A.—(a) On 6th August 1946, the number of line buses plying in the City of Madras was 175 and the number of spare buses was 39.

(b) It is true that some passengers have to wait at some intermediate bus stops on heavy routes during peak hours: the waiting period may be up to 20 minutes.

(c) Chassis for 20 more buses will be allotted as soon as possible and the timings of trips revised so as to make buses run at more frequent intervals during peak hours. The number of buses will be further increased, if necessary, as and when adequate number of vehicles become available. The Central Road Traffic Board has also under consideration arrangements to remove congestion at bus-stands by the running of short route buses.

(d) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Press Communiqué No. 21,[a] dated 4th September 1945, which enunciates the policy hitherto followed by the Government in the administration of motor transport in this Province. The question whether and if so how far the policy needs any revision is under the consideration of the Government.

Management of the properties of the late Kakarlapudi Neelayamma Garu of Pandaranki, Vizagapatam district.

8 Q.—Sri P. VIRABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Hindu Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding the management of the properties of the late Kakarlapudi Neelayamma Garu of Pandaranki in the Vizagapatam district by the managers of Sri Rudrabhatla Rama Sastri and others; and

(b) if so, what action the Government has taken on these complaints?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) A report has been called for from the Board of Revenue on the subject.

Drainage schemes in municipalities.

9 Q.—Sri P. VIRABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) in what municipalities drainage schemes have been already sanctioned;

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(*b*) the order in which the Government propose to permit the execution of those works; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to give priority to the drainage scheme of the Vizianagram Municipality as it is the oldest scheme?

A.—(*a*) Coimbatore, Chittoor, Negapatam, Rajahmundry, Salem, Tirupati and Srirangam under execution. Tuticorin and Virudhunagar—estimates under revision; Vizianagram—estimate to be revised.

(*b*) Tuticorin, Virudhunagar and Vizianagram.

(*c*) The execution will be taken up as soon as estimates are revised and preliminaries settled.

Nomination to the Municipal Council of Vizianagram.

10. *Q*.—SRI N. VENKATACHALAMAJI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether some councillors of the superseded Municipal Council of Vizianagram have been nominated to the present nominated Council and if so, why?

A.—Three councillors, namely (1) Vetcha Bulli Veeraswami, merchant, (2) Udayagiri Seetharamaswami, vakil and (3) Masalaganti Rama Rao, vakil, who had been on the superseded Council were appointed as councillors of the reconstituted Council with effect from 13th March 1946, on the recommendation of the Collector of Vizagapatam.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. THE PRESIDENT.

* MR. PRESIDENT:—"I have to announce to the House that the following message, dated Fort St. George, the 7th September 1946, has been received by me from the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly:—

'In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Tenants and Ryots Protection Bill, 1946 (L.A. Bill No. 6 of 1946), as passed by the Assembly on the 7th September 1946 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council.'

"I have also to announce to the House that the following message, dated Fort St. George, the 9th September 1946, has been received by me from the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly:—

'In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Trade Disputes Adjudication (Temporary Provision) Bill, 1946 (L.A. Bill No. 3 of 1946), as passed by the Assembly on the 9th September 1946 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council'."